# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES OF COLUMBIA ) CASE NO. 10201

#### ORDER

On July 17, 1988, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed late responses to certain requests by the Commission for information. The Commission finds that in order to afford it the opportunity to request follow-up information on this late filing, a supplemental request not provided for in the procedural schedule is necessary.

and 10 copies of the following information with this Commission, with a copy to all parties of record. Include with each response the name of the witness who will be responsible for responding to questions relating to the information provided. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible. The information requested herein is due no later than July 1, 1988. If the information cannot be provided by this date, you should submit a motion for an extension of time stating the reason a delay is necessary and include a date by which it will be furnished. Such motion will be considered by the Commission.

### Information Request No. 4

- 1. With reference to the response to Item No. 11 of the Commission's Information Request No. 2 filed June 17, 1988, provide the following information.
- a. With reference to Jtem No. 11(b), explain why actual total wages of all union employees is not available. Also, explain how it is possible to make a rational adjustment to union wages without this basic information.
- b. With reference to Item No. 11(c), state the composite percentage of union/nonunion wages capitalized to plant in service accounts during each year for the years 1983-1987.
- c. The difference between the base wage adjustment of \$160,602 and the proposed adjustment of \$156,435 is \$4,167. Explain what this \$4,167 amount represents.
- d. With reference to Item No. 11(f), explain why this ratio is necessary to "spread this adjustment to the proper O & M accounts." Also, reference the portion of the record wherein Columbia performs such a "spreading" using this ratio.
- 2. With reference to the response to Item Nos. 12-14 of the Commission's Information Request No. 2, provide individual responses to each sub-part included in those items in the same manner as provided in Columbia's July 17, 1988 filing responding to Item No. 11. Where necessary, modify the response to address and conform with the information filed July 17, 1988.
- 3. Provide wages and salaries information in the format as shown in Format 1 attached.

4. With reference to Schedule 1 of Columbia's response of June 17, 1988, provide the following information.

a. Provide a breakdown of the \$8,358,972 direct labor per books amount showing the amount applicable to union wages and the amount applicable to nonunion wages.

b. Explain the basis for Columbia's expectation that it will grant wage increases averaging 4 percent during 1988.

5. With reference to Schedule 3 of Columbia's response of June 17, 1988, provide the following information.

a. Clarify the reference to "the December 1987 Financial Statement, pages 3A through 3M, Line 1." Also, cite the portion of the record to which Columbia refers or provide copies of these pages if not currently in the record.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 24th day of June, 1988.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

For the Commission

ATTEST:

## COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. Case No. 10201

#### Wages and Salaries

Line No.	Column 1	Column 2		Column 4	Column 5	_
		1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
1.	Total Base Wages & Salaries	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.	Total Overtime Wages & Salaries					
3.	Total Premium Wages & Salaries					
	TOTAL WAGES & SALARIES	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
4.	Wages & Salaries Expensed	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
5.	Wages & Salaries Capitalized					
6.	TOTAL WAGES & SALARIES EXPENSED AND CAPITALIZED	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$